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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:                    Art Unit: 2661

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For: **PROCESSING OF DATA PACKETS WITHIN A NETWORK ELEMENT CLUSTER**

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**Mail Stop Amendment**
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450                              Date 6/19 /06
Alexandria, Va. 22313-1450

## AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

      In response to the Office Action mailed 1/18/06, please amend the above

identified case as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

In the abstract on page 29, please make the following changes:

Processing of data packets within a network element cluster having a plurality of
network element nodes is described. The network element cluster has a cluster
network address common to said plurality of nodes. Distribution decisions are
determined for first data packets, -a first data packet being a data packet initiating
opening of a packet data ~~connection to said cluster network address, according to
predetermined criteria~~. For each node of the network element cluster those first data
packets, ~~which are to be processed in said particlar node,~~ are selected according to
the distribution diecisions. Node-specific lists about opened packet data connection
for which a node is responsible are maintained, and using these nodes specific lists
second data packets, which are data packets relating to any opened packet data

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connection specified in a node-specific list, are processed. For each node of the network element cluster those second data packets, which relate to connections on the node-specific list of said particular node, are selected for processing.

~~Fig. 3~~